

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

ESHOO, Anna G. (Democrat)
Representative, 14th District, California
Elected 1992 to 103rd Congress
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



BACKGROUND

Born: New Britain, Connecticut - 13 December 1942
Home: Atherton, California
Marital Status: Divorced - 2 children
Religion: Roman Catholic
Education: Canada College, A.A., 1975; Fellowship at the Coro Institute
Military: None
Profession: Public official

Political: San Mateo County Bd of Supervisors, 1982-92; Succeeded incumbent Tom Campbell (R), who unsuccessfully ran for the Senate. Defeated Tom Heuning (R) in the general election with 57% of the vote. Reelected in 2000 with 70% and in 2002 with 68% of the vote.

Rep Eshoo is a New Democrat centrist who blends liberal beliefs on social policy with a pro-business stance. Represents Silicon Valley and areas which include Lockheed Missiles and Space Co in Sunnyvale, NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, and many computer-related industries. Favors making the R&D tax credit permanent and restoring the investment tax credit. Advocates coastal preservation, and has opposed both offshore oil drilling and coastal development in San Mateo County. Supporter of the space station. In 1994 supported removal of the ban on gays in the military. Said U.S. troops should not be deployed to Bosnia and called on NATO to pressure the Bosnian Serbs into joining the US-negotiated Dayton Peace Accords (San Francisco Examiner, 13Mar94). In the 104th Congress, left the Science Cmte. Opposed the FY96 DoD auth bill because she felt it wasted money on star wars (missile defense) and zeroed out funds for improving the technology of proven weapon systems. During the base closing process, alleged the Air Force kept secret a study on the costs of closing Onizuka AFB and had targeted it for closure despite assurances to the contrary. In the 105th Congress, supported legislation to privatize international satellite organizations such as INTELSAT. Criticized the lack of funding in the FY99 DoD auth for a new composite hangar for the ANG's 129th Rescue Wing stationed at Moffett NAS. Supported bill encouraging the sharing of information related to the so-called "Y2K" computer fix. (CQ, 19Sep98) In the 106th Congress, urged her colleagues to support a bill that would make an R&D tax credit permanent. In the 107th Congress, opposed granting President Bush authority to use US military forces in Iraq, and instead supported a Spratt substitute urging the US to work through the UN so that all diplomatic efforts were exhausted prior to warfare.

At the beginning of the 108th Congress was assigned to the Select Intelligence Cmte by her close friend, new Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). Helped form the Congressional E-9-1-1 Caucus, a bicameral group of members focused on elevating homeland security issues. Opposes the Bush Administration's policy of preemption in foreign policy used as a basis for the war in Iraq, but said that once the war began US troops deserved the full support of Congress.
AF Bases: Pillar Point AFS; Moffett NAS (ANG)

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